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EDUCATION

- 2013 **Ph.D.**, University of Southern California, Sociology
2009 **M.A.**, University of Southern California, Sociology
2004 **B.A.**, University of California at Los Angeles, History, Asian American Studies, and Southeast Asian Studies

SOCIOLOGY COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

- SOC 101 Introductory Sociology
- SOC 102 Introduction to Social Problems
- SOC 201 Elementary Social Statistics*
- SOC 301 Social Research Methods*
- SOC 320 Sex and Gender in Contemporary Society*
- SOC 338 Sociology of Religion
- SOC 352 Global Social Problems
- SOC 355 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- SOC 406 Intermediate Social Statistics*
- SOC 407 Survey and Experimental Research Methods*
- SOC 408 Qualitative Research Methods
- SOC 420 Sexuality in Modern Society*
- SOC 421 American Families
- SOC 436 Sociology of Health and Illness
- SOC 450 Social Change
- SOC 455 Sociology of Intersectionality
- SOC 457 Protests, Reforms, and Revolutions
- SOC 460 Technology and Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present Department of Sociology, UC Davis
- Introduction to Social Research (Fall 2020 | Winter 2021 (assigned))
 - Social Stratification (2020 Summer)
 - Society, Culture, and Health (2020 Spring)
 - Sociology of Religion (2020 Winter)
- 2016-Present Departments of Sociology and Ethnic Studies, Sacramento State
- Research Methods in Sociology (2020 Spring)
 - Ethnic and Race Relations (2020 Spring | 2019 Fall)
 - Social Movements (5 terms+)
 - Sociology of Religion (2020 Fall, Summer & Spring | 2017 Spring)
 - Asian American Women (2017 Fall)
- 2016–Present Department of Sociology, Cosumnes River College
- Introduction to Social Research Methods (Spring 2020 | Spring 2019)
 - Introduction to Sociology (10 terms+)
 - Social Problems (10 terms+)
 - Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality in the United States (2020 Fall | 2019 Fall | 2018 Spring | 2016 Fall)

- Marriage and Family (Fall 2016)
 - The Asian American Experience in America (5 terms +)
- 2016-2020 Department of Sociology, Cuesta College
- Introduction to Gender Studies (5 terms+)
- 2017 Summer Bielefeld Graduate School of History and Sociology
- Refugees, Religions, and Relocation Workshop, Ph.D.-level (2017 Summer)
- 2016-2017 Social Sciences Department, California Polytechnic State University
- Social Theory (2016 Winter | 2015 Fall)
 - Qualitative Research Methods (2016 Spring)
 - Social Stratification (2016 Winter)
 - Social Problems (2015 Fall)
 - Comparative Societies (2016 Summer & Winter | 2015 Fall)
- 2015 Asian American Studies Program, California State University at Fullerton
- Asian American Women (2015 Fall)
- 2015 Department of Asian American Studies, UCSB
- Asian American Families (2015 Spring)
 - Ethnographies of Asian America (2015 Spring)
 - Asian American Religions (2015 Winter)
 - Transnational Asian Americans (2015 Winter)
- 2014-2015 Department of Anthropology | Asian-Pacific Studies Program | Human Services Department, California State University at Dominguez Hills
- Cultural Pluralism: Intercultural Communication (2015 Summer)
 - Intercultural Communication (2015 Spring)
 - Globalization and Asian Religions (2015 Spring)
 - Values and Communication of Asian Pacific Cultures (2014 Fall)
 - Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia (2014 Fall)
- 2013-2014 Department of Religion, Williams College
- Asian Religious Diasporas: The New Chosen People? (2014 Spring)
 - Asian American Religious Roots and Trajectories (2013 Spring)

TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2017-Present Teaching Circles, Cosumnes River College
- 2015-2016 “Reinventing the Large Lecture,” Faculty Learning Community, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- 2015 Spring “Global Diversity and Counter Storytelling,” Faculty Learning Community, California State University at Dominguez Hills

- 2014 Spring Multi-Disciplinary Forum on Teaching Diversity, Williams College
- 2012-2013 Program for Effective Teaching (renamed First3), Williams College

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming (with Andrew Silva) “Sacred Searches: Mining and Modeling the Globalization of a Vietnamese Religious Cultural Icon based on Google Trends,” in *The Vietnamese Diaspora in Transnational Contexts: Contested Spaces, Contested Narratives*, edited by Anna Vu and Vic Satzewich (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill).
- 2021 (Expected) “The Virgin Mary Became Vietnamese: Diasporic Nationalism Among Vietnamese Catholic Refugees in the U.S. and Germany,” in *Refugees and Religion: Transregional Trajectories Across Asia, Africa, and Europe*, edited by Peter van der Veer and Birgit Meyer (London: Bloomsbury Press).
- 2020 (with Madison G. Masten and Nicholas Tran) “GeoSiteSearch: A Tool to Map Vietnamese Diaspora by Deducing Geographical Information of Web Pages about Our Lady of Lavang,” in *Proceedings of the International AAAI (The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence) Conference on Web and Social Media*, Vol. 14 (Palo Alto, CA: The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence), Demonstration Paper.¹
- 2018 “Holy Mothers in the Vietnamese Diaspora: Refugees, Community, and Nation,” *Religions* 9(8):233-248, available online <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/9/8/233/xml>.
- 2017 *Race, Gender, and Religion in the Vietnamese Diaspora: The New Chosen People* (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan).
- “Global Chain of Marianism: Diasporic Formation among Vietnamese Catholics in the U.S. and Cambodia,” Special Issue on “Globalizing Vietnamese Religions,” edited by Janet Hoskins and Thien-Huong T. Ninh, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (University of California Press).
- 2016 “Mobilizing Ethnic-Religious Transnationalism through Humanitarian Assistance: Vietnamese Catholic U.S.-Cambodia Relations,” in *Migration, Transnationalism and Catholicism: Global Perspectives*,” edited by Dominic Pasura and Marta Bitand Erdal (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan).
- 2015 “The Forgotten Ones: Vietnamese Catholics in Cambodia and Their Quest for Reconciliation,” in *Forced Migration, Reconciliation, and Justice*, edited by Megan Bradley (Montreal: McGill-Queen University’s Press).
- ““The Blessed Virgin Mary Wears *A’o Dài*”: Marianism in the Transnational Public Sphere between Vietnamese Catholics in the U.S. and Vietnam,” in *Weaving Women’s*

¹ Conference publications in Computer Science and related fields such as Artificial Intelligence are peer-reviewed and highly selective.

Spheres in Vietnam, edited by Kato Atsufumi (Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill).

- 2014 “Colored Faith: Vietnamese American Catholics Struggle for Equality within Their Multicultural Church,” in Special Issue on “Asian American Religions in a Globalized World,” edited by Khyati Joshi and Sylvia Chan-Malik, *Amerasia Journal* 40(1): 80-96.
- 2013 “The Caodai Mother Goddess in a Globalizing World: Mediation between Religious Universalism and Homeland Orientation among Vietnamese Caodaists in the U.S.,” *Asian Anthropology* 12(1):51-65.
- 2012 (with Norella M. Putney, Joy Y. Lam, Frances Nedjat-Haiem, Petrice S. Oyama, and Susan C. Harris), “The Transmission of Religion across Generations: How Ethnicity Matters,” in *Kinship and Cohort in an Aging Society: From Generation to Generation*, edited by Merrill Silverstein (Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins University Press).
- 2011 “God Needs a Passport: Vietnamese Caodaists in Cambodia Struggle for Religious and Ethnic Recognition across National Borders,” in Special Issue on “Religious Networks in Asia and Beyond,” edited by Peter van der Veer, *Encounters: An International Journal for the Study of Culture and Society* 4 (Fall):133-160.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND VISITING POSITIONS

- 2019 Summer Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba, Israel)
- 2018 Summer Visiting Research Professor, Daesoon Academy of Sciences, Daejin University (Korea)
- 2017 Summer Visiting Researcher Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (Germany)
Visiting Researcher and Lecturer Fellowship, Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (Germany)
- 2016 Summer Research Associate Fellowship, International Institute for Asian Studies (the Netherlands)
- 2015 Summer Research Associate Fellowship, International Institute for Asian Studies (the Netherlands)
- 2012-2014 Gaius Charles Bolin Fellowship, Williams College (Williamstown, MA)
- 2013 Field Research Grant, École Française d’Extrême-Orient (Siem Reap, Cambodia)
- 2012 Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for North American and European Researchers/Obei Tanki, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (Japan)

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Refugees and Resistance: Sacred Rituals among Vietnamese Catholics in the U.S. and Germany,” presented at the American Academy of Religion/Western Region Annual Conference (Virtual: March 13-15).
- 2019 “Saint Victor Hugo and Asian Jesus: Korean and Vietnamese New Religions at the Crossroad,” presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars 11th International Convention (Leiden, the Netherlands: July 16-19).
- “Seoul Food: Sex, Sexuality, and Morality,” presented at the workshop on “Eating

Religiously: Food and Faith in the 21st Century,” organized by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba, Israel: May 21-22).

“Our Lady of Lavang: The Ethnicization of the Virgin Mary in the Vietnamese Diaspora,” presented at the Department of Religious Studies’ Living Religions Collaborative, Santa Clara University (April 12), **invited**.

2018 “Disunity Under God: The Racialization of Religion in Cambodia,” presented at the Conference on “Africa-Asia, A New Axis of Knowledge – Second Edition,” organized by the University of Dar es Salaam, International Convention of Asia Scholars, and the Association for Asian Studies in Africa (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: September 20-22).

“The Chosen People: Korean and Vietnamese Religions in Comparative Perspective,” presented at the Second Sangsaeng Forum on “Peace and the Path of Mutual Beneficence,” organized by Daesoon Academy of Sciences, Daejin University (Pocheon-si, South Korea: October 20-24), **invited**.

2017 “Sacred Mother of Refugees: Our Lady of Lavang in the Vietnamese Catholic Diaspora,” Migration Colloquium, organized by the Department of Anthropology at Tulane University (New Orleans, LA: November 3), **invited**.

SERVICE

2019-Present Northern California Representative (**elected**), Executive Board, American Academy of Religion/Western Region

2013-Present Editorial Review Board, *Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*

2017-2019 Reviewer, Book Prize Committee, 11th International Convention for Asian Studies

REFERENCES

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Other References Available Upon Request